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SERISS (Synergies for Europe's Research Infrastructures in the Social Sciences) aims to exploit synergies, foster collaboration and develop shared standards between Europe's social science infrastructures in order to better equip these infrastructures to play a major role in addressing Europe's grand societal challenges and ensure that European policymaking is built on a solid base of the highest-quality socio-economic evidence.

The four year project (2015-19) is a collaboration between the three leading European Research Infrastructures in the social sciences – the European Social Survey (ESS ERIC), the Survey of Health Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE ERIC) and the Consortium of European Social Science Data Archives (CESSDA AS) – and organisations representing the Generations and Gender Programme (GGP), European Values Study (EVS) and the WageIndicator Survey.

Work focuses on three key areas: Addressing key challenges for cross-national data collection, breaking down barriers between social science infrastructures and embracing the future of the social sciences.

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To support and promote the tools created by the SERISS project, a series of videos were created. Seven videos were created (one for each of the digital tools) to answer the questions: 1) what is the problem facing the social research community that made this tool necessary; 2) what is the logic of the tool's digital solution; 3) how does the tool work; and 4) how can the viewer learn more/access the tool. These videos were published on the SERISS YouTube channel and archived along with the other SERISS deliverables.

Experts in the videos included are both social scientist and computer scientists to explain the nexus between social research and digital infrastructures and web resources:

- Maurice Martens discusses The Translation Management Tool.
- Sarah Butt and Iggy van der Wielen discuss the Fieldwork Monitoring System.
- Benjamin Beuster discusses the Question Variable Database.
- Hilde Orten and Stig Norlan discuss the Questionnaire Data Documentation Tool.
- Angelica Maineri and Masoud Davari discuss My EVS.
- Kristi Winters and Matthäus Zloch discuss the Variable Harmonization Hub.
- Kea Tijdens and Maurice Martens discuss surveycodings.org.

In addition, several extended expert talks on the topics were also captured digitally and turned into support videos for the various tools. These are provided in addition to the deliverables of this Work Package.

- Iggy van der Wielen explains the Fieldwork Monitoring System.
- Maurice Martens explains how to use surveycodings.org.
- Silke Schneider explains the complications in measuring education internationally and the website surveycodings.org.
- Jan-Lucas Schanze discusses his work measuring institutionalized populations in SERISS Work Package 2.
- Brita Dorner and Lydia Repke discuss their experimental research into questionnaire translations in international surveys in Work Package 3.

List of videos and their urls:

| Video title | Video location online |
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| SERISS Tools - Translation Management Tool | https://youtu.be/Mn66pqOjqsY |
| SERISS Tools - Fieldwork Monitoring System | https://youtu.be/-K0Fy0Ak8Is |
| SERISS Tools - Question Variable Database | https://youtu.be/fZUnPlgHpZA |
| SERISS Tools - Questionnaire Data Documentation Tool | https://youtu.be/849wjKwOsiA |
| SERISS Tools - Survey Management Program/My EVS | https://youtu.be/kT7za__ePvw |
| SERISS Website -The Variable Harmonization Hub | https://youtu.be/ApoAMyYXM28 |
| SERISS Website -surveycodings.org | https://youtu.be/HK32n3gyiGk |

Other videos:

| Video title | Video location online |
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| SERISS Talks - Fieldwork Monitoring System | https://youtu.be/jdktoNB7dHs |
| SERISS Talks - surveycodings.org | https://youtu.be/f1QOIfdpBJg |
| SERISS Talks - Education and surveycodings.org | https://youtu.be/UoGvg7Fz83Q |
| SERISS Talks - Measuring institutionalized populations | https://youtu.be/xTfTsVtIWag |
| SERISS Talks - Translation Wording Experiment | https://youtu.be/aG5UdrQR33c |